

Permission of absence granted to Sri L. Siddappa.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri L. Siddappa has written to me requesting permission for absence from Assembly for 6 days from 1st March 1954. Is it the pleasure of the House to grant him leave?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Panel of Chairmen

Mr. SPEAKER.—The same Panel of Chairmen who were nominated last time, that is, in January last, will continue during this Session. They are:

1. Sri G. Basappa
2. Sri S. Srinivasa Iyengar
3. Sri R. K. Prasad
4. Sri K. Prabhakar.

Committee on Petitions

Mr. SPEAKER.—As required by Rule 97 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I nominate the following members to the Committee on Petitions:

1. Sri T. Mariappa
2. Sri P. R. Ramaiya
3. Sri K. V. Shankara Gowda
4. Sri H. K. Shivarudrappa

The Deputy Speaker will be the Chairman of the Committee.

His Highness's reply to Address of Thanks.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from His Highness the Rajpramukh which is as follows:

“To the Members of the Legislative Assembly,

I have received with great satisfaction the expression of your thanks for the speech with which I opened the January Session, 1954, of both the Houses of the Legislature.

JAYA CHAMARAJA WADIYAR,

RAJPRAMUKH OF MYSORE.”

Report by Secretary *re* Petitions on Bills.

SECRETARY.—Sir, as required by rule 95 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, I beg to report to the House that two petitions have been received by me—one from Sri K. Maligappa of Vijayapura, Devanahalli Taluk, and another signed by 3 signatories, namely, (1) Sri M. S. Linge Gowda, Bangalore City; (2) Sri H. Lakshmana Swamy, Bangalore City; (3) Sri B. Sankar Rao Badami, Bangalore, in respect of the Mysore (Personal and Miscellaneous) Inams Abolition Bill, 1953.

Mr. SPEAKER.—As required by Rule 98 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I refer the two petitions reported by the Secretary to the Committee on Petitions.

Provisional Programme of Business for the Session.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I have to make a few remarks regarding the Provisional Programme of Business for this Session. This programme has been arranged in such a manner that it is impossible of any extension as only ten days, the minimum fixed by the Rules, have been allotted for the voting of grants. It must be remembered that this Session is essentially a Budget Session wherein we have to consider mostly financial matters. Preference should be given to financial matters. But I find from a perusal of the programme that importance and preference have been given to official business including Bills and little time has been allotted to the consideration of the financial matters. Sir, we represented at the last Session alone that the allotment of ten days for the consideration of grants as hardly sufficient as we will not be able to do full justice to the important task entrusted to us. It was conceded at that time by the Government and agreed to by all the Members of this House that ten

days was insufficient and more days have to be allotted. We all expected that at least 15 days would be set apart. Last time, the Speaker himself was helpless to allot more days. It was also agreed at the last session—I am sorry that the Leader of the House is not here, I expect him to be present at least on the first day.....

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He was present. He will be coming now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—At the last session, he gave an implied undertaking that he would consult the Leader of the Opposition while fixing up the programme and till now he has not honoured that understanding or obligation. While fixing up this programme it is better that the Leader of the Opposition and other important persons are consulted. So, I felt, Sir, this time the programme has been fixed by the Speaker in consultation with the Government and the Government have disregarded their previous undertakings and the wishes of this House. The presentation of the Budget itself has come very late. According to the present programme, the Budget is going to be presented on 6th March. If they had done it earlier and on the very first day of the Session we would have gained six days time. Why there is this delay of six days to present the Budget is a matter which I cannot understand. As soon as this Budget Session meets, it is the duty of the Government to present the Budget on the very first day. This shows perhaps the lethargy on the part of the Government and they have not taken the usual steps to present the budget in time and it is this delay that has curtailed the privileges of this House. If they had presented the Budget on the first day alone, we would have had more time to discuss the Demands, which is a very responsible task of this House. We are expected to scrutinise each grant and see that it is properly utilised and we have to exercise great care and diligence before giving our approval. But here, it looks as if the Government wants us to rush through the financial business. There are nearly 50 to 60 Demands and that

Government should take a lesson from other States; in the neighbouring States, the volume of work is the same, the number of grants is the same and the nature of work is also the same and the quality is the same. Such being the case, Sir, I plead even now it is not too late to mend the mistake that has been committed by the Government and at least 15 days may be set apart for the voting of Demands. It is quite possible also to re-adjust the programme and I am going to give my suggestion to that end.

According to the present programme, Budget will be presented on the 6th of March. After that we can defer all official business including non-official business to the month of April. 7th March is a Holiday. From 9th alone we can commence the general discussion on the Budget and the business allotted for 15th, 16th and 17th March also may be postponed to April and diverted for the consideration of the Demands which will give us 14 days. 30th March also may be used for of the Demands and on 31st we can have Appropriation Bills. These are my suggestions and it is easy to accept them. I hope that the Government will consider these suggestions.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Molakalmuru).—I also agree with the Leader of the Opposition that it is not correct to allot the minimum number of days for cut motions. And even there, the last ten days are allotted to us. Supposing there are some more cut motions to be discussed, there is no time and we cannot extend the time, because on the last day of March, the financial business will have to be over, and on the 1st of April they have to make payments. This is not a correct way of arranging the programme. We can allot more days for financial business, and if it is over earlier, we can utilise the time for other official business. Why should we postpone it to the last and then rush through the whole thing on the last day? I, therefore, agree with the Leader of the Opposition that sufficient time should be given for discussion on the Budget and also on cut motions. Under the circumstances, I

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request the Government to reconsider and take up the financial business as proposed by the Leader of the Opposition, earlier than the date now fixed in the agenda.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Maddur).—Sir, I also feel that some modifications may be made in the programme. I remember there seems to have been some promise made during the last Budget Session that fourteen days would be allotted for the Voting of Demands. Therefore, as the Leader of the Opposition suggests, we can postpone official business, namely, bills to the month of April and take up the Voting of Demands after the 14th.

Secondly, Sir, the day after tomorrow there is a holiday on account of Sivarathri. Some of us would like to go home for the festival. Therefore, tomorrow's Session can be held in the morning so that it may be convenient for Members to go to their places tomorrow afternoon.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—3rd is fasting day. Festival is on the 4th.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—There is another suggestion Sir. It is now summer season and it is rather very difficult to come here at 12 of the Clock in the hot sun and sit here till Five. It is better if we have meetings only in the morning.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are sitting just below the fan.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Even the fan blows hot air, Sir. So it will be desirable to have meetings only in the mornings from 8 to 12 on all days and on the days allotted for Voting of Demands, the session may be held from 8 to 1 of the Clock.

Mr. SPEAKER.—About the morning sessions for the future, we will consider later on, *i.e.*, in a day or two. But about the objections that the Leader of the Opposition has raised...

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Shall I repeat or.....

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—Not necessary, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point raised is that, for Voting on Demands for grants, you have given the minimum

number of days, *i.e.*, ten days, in spite of their request and a sort of promise that was made by the Government last time.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I will say something tomorrow, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before that is done I would like to draw the attention of the House to one difficulty so far as this Session is concerned. The Legislative Council will be meeting on the 15th of this month. If these two days are devoted for this purpose, as the Leader of the Opposition suggests, no useful purpose could be served by the debate in the Council. That would be the objection that may be raised by the other House, the Legislative Council. I feel that is a matter for serious consideration on this occasion.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—We show due courtesy to the other House. But the most important responsibility of passing the Budget lies with this House. Because the Legislative Council is summoned late, that cannot be a reason to curtail our powers and privileges. Of course, they can go on discussing the Budget. After all, they are expected only to express their opinion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—They meet for the first time on the 15th. If by that time, two days are devoted and demands are sanctioned, they will naturally feel that there is not enough mutual regard, I am afraid.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Out of 49, we will be dealing with the first demand. Still many demands are left over. They can express their opinion on them. There is the Appropriation Bill on which also they can express their opinion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a matter for the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I do not mean any discourtesy to the other House, when I say that business in this House should not be delayed which is very important.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Anyhow, Government are pleased to allow one more day for general discussion on the Budget. We usually used to have three days for this purpose. But this

time four days are allotted for this purpose.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—Usually for the Budget Session we used to have a discussion on the Rajpramukh's Address for three or four days. That has been curtailed this time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Let us wait and see what the Leader of the House will say tomorrow.

A MEMBER.—What about tomorrow's morning session, Sir?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I have no objection, Sir, to hold the session tomorrow morning.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Tomorrow, we shall have the session in the morning between 8-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—We did not attentively hear about the personnel of the Petitions Committee. I would like to know whether representatives of the Opposition have been included in that Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes. Sri Sivarudrappa is included.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—He is not a representative of our party. Our party is the recognised party in this House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I was under that impression. It was perhaps a mistaken notion. However, it cannot exceed that number now.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Next time we will have the Opposition.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is better, Sir, that the Leader of the House announces the new entrants to his party.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I am waiting for the Leader of the Opposition to join my party so that I can announce the new entrants once for all. (Laughter.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is he on the way?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I am at Jagalur. (Laughter!)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.

Notifications on the Cattle Trespass Act.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Govern-

ment).—Sir, as required by sub-section 2 of Section 12 of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871, I lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following notifications: Notification dated 30th December 1953 and another notification dated 12th February 1954.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Section 12 (2) of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871, as amended by the 1951 Amendment Act requires that every notification issued under sub-section (1) of that section prescribing the scale of fine to be levied for cattle impounded will come into force from the date of publication in the Gazette and shall be laid before the Assembly, if in session, as soon as may be after the issue of the notification, and, if not in session, within three days of its re-assembling. The Assembly is given the power on a resolution moved by a member within seven days thereafter to modify such notification and if so modified, the notification thereafter takes effect in such modified form.

Two notifications have been recently issued, one dated 30th December 1953 but published in the Gazette on 7th January 1954 and the other dated 12th February 1954 and published in the Gazette on 18th February 1954.

So far as the first notification is concerned, Members will remember that the Assembly was in session from 12th January to 22nd January. It was, therefore, the duty of the Government to have laid the notification before the Assembly during that session. It is not my duty to examine the precise effect of non-compliance with the provisions of Section 12 (2) on the effectiveness of the notification. But a valuable right has been conceded to the Members by Section 12(2) and any delay in laying the notification before the Assembly amounts to a serious interference with such rights. I trust that Government will observe the procedure laid down in such provisions of Acts more strictly in future.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I would like to know as to where the copies of the notifications are. While agreeing with the observations made by the Speaker, I wish to state that it is the duty of the Government that, in